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	<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
	<b>Application Number</b>	10/ 602,297
	<b>Filing Date</b>	June 24, 2003
	<b>Art Unit</b>	3751
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Unknown

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TOILET COVER OPENING/CLOSING DEVICE

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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